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SUBJECT	1. Fire at the Karl Liebknecht Transformer Plant. 2. Friedrichshagen Area Closed to Traffic	DATE DISTR.	9 April 1953
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SOURCE:

1. There was a severe fire on 11 February 1953 in the Karl Liebknecht transformer works in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide. High jets of flames were seen shooting up. The extent of the damage is not known.
2. The Friedrichshagen national forest near Berlin, north of the street railway line to Erkner, between the Dallwitz highway and the locality of Fichtenau, has been closed to all traffic. Anyone entering the area will be shot without warning by the Volkspolizei.
3. The East Berlin municipal council has discharged 200 employees as part of the economy campaign being conducted by the Socialist Unity Party (SED). They are to be paid up to 1 March 1953.
4. A certain Wilhelm Zastrow has worked out a plan for the Berlin Water and Drainage Works by which 50 to 80 employees can be dispensed with.

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